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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)
UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

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Application Number: 09/830,855
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SAMPLE FOR ANALYSIS OF
PREVIOUS METAL CONTENT
Examiner Name: Cross, L.
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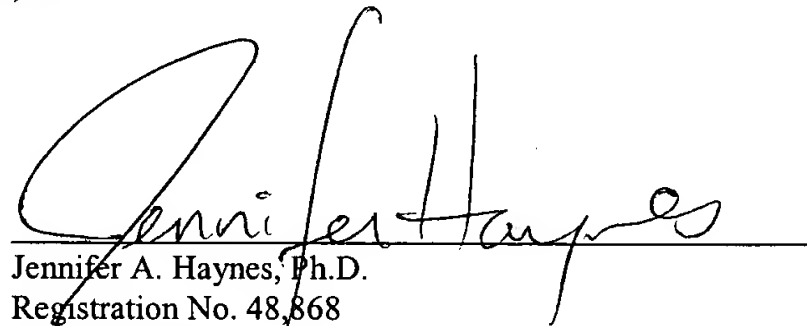
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed from the United States Patent and Trademark Office on March 10, 2004, Please amend the above-captioned patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper;

Summary of the Interview begins on page 4 of this paper,

Remarks begin on page 5 of this paper